

ATTACHMENT SHOWING AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION
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On page 63, kindly delete the Abstract submitted with the Preliminary
Amendment, pp. 9-10, and substitute:

A multi-point communication system that comprises a head end unit disposed at a primary site and a plurality of receivers disposed at remote sites. The head end unit includes a transmitter for transmitting OFDM/DMT symbols over a predetermined number of bins across a transmission medium. The OFDM/DMT symbols are transmitted in periodically occurring formatted symbol frames. The cyclic prefix includes a predetermined periodic signal superimposed thereon. The receivers receive the OFDM/DMT symbols over a subset of the predetermined number of bins from the transmission medium and use the superimposed signals to attain symbol alignment. In accordance with a further aspect of the present invention, the receivers apply a predetermined incremental phase shift to received samples corresponding to the received OFDM/DMT symbols to thereby compensate for phase shifts. [The multi-point communications system may include a similar system for aligning symbols transmissions from a remote service unit having a transmitter. Such a system includes a plurality of remote service units each including a transmitter for transmitting OFDM/DMT symbols over a predetermined number of bins across a transmission medium. Each of the plurality of remote service units is operable in a symbol alignment mode in which the transmitter transmits a broad band periodic signal. The head end unit includes a receiver for receiving the OFDM/DMT symbols, including the broad band periodic signal, from the transmission medium. The head end unit uses the time

